



Universal Interpretation of Islamic Fiqh

VS

Traditional (limited to Arab Habitat) Interpretation of Islamic Fiqh



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- However, Eskimo's are not allowed for prayer five times a day, or fasting in Ramadhan. They are even deprived from the moon sightings due to no sunset or sunrise, or unlimited time of dawn or night.

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- Due to the traditional (limited to Arab habitat) interpretation of Islamic Fiqh, prayer and fasting times are based upon the sunrise and sunset timings. Also, the Holy Quran and Hadith Mubarak are silent about the issues of prayer and fasting time in the higher/lower latitude areas of the globe (due to no Muslim population).

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- Due to the universal concept of Islamic teaching which are the real true concepts from the Holy Quran. That Prophethood limits of our Prophet (pbuh) is beyond the limits of galaxies and all the creations (Quran 18:1) as well for all the mankind (34:28) as well for all the globe(6:92).

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Solution

- In Hadith Mubarak, The Prophet (PBUH) informed regarding the fitnah of Dajjal, and informed that one day will be equal to one year. The companions asked “how will we pray in this time?” He (pbuh) replied “divide the time in certain/equal intervals”
- This is the solution for Eskimo's - to abolish the concept of sunrise and sunset and divide the time in equal intervals.

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Practical Difficulties in Higher/Lower Latitude Areas

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- An example of a higher latitude area is:
 - City of Tromso (Norway) (69.6828° N, 18.9428° E). The Muslim community is facing difficulty to practice prayers and fasting in Ramadhan (as the sun never sets in Summer and never rises in the winter).
- An example of a lower latitude area is:
 - South Pole (Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station) (90.000° S, 0.0000° E). This is where an Egyptian scientist (Ashraf El Dakrouri) who fasted throughout the Ramadhan in the Winter of 2000, with the nearest country time (New Zealand).

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- However, in the Quran (2:185) Allah Ta'ala informs that Allah wants ease for you and not difficulty, specifically regarding fasting in Ramadhan.
- Due to the universal interpretation of the Islamic Fiqh, the fasting/praying time in the higher/lower latitudes areas of the globe can fast equal to the duration of the fasting time in Makah on that day.

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According to the Quran, Is night (لیل شرعی) for sleeping and comfort?

- However, due the traditional (limited to Arab habitat) interpretation of Islamic Fiqh, Night (لیل شرعی) is from sunset to sunrise; but the duration of sunset to sunrise in higher/lower latitudes areas of the globe, reduces to one or two hours, even sometimes the sun never sets/rises.

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- Due to the universal concept of Islamic Fiqh, night time is at least 8 – 10 hours in 24 hours (Qur'an 30:23, 40:61, 10:67) this is also supported by the latest scientific research.
- At the time of deciding prayer and fasting time in Ramadhan, night time must be decided for 8 – 10 hours promptly.

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- If so, then why are prayer/fasting times are related with the movement of the sun on the horizon?



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- Allah Ta'ala chose the Middle East (particularly Makah and Jerusalem) and the surrounding areas due to main 5 causes.
 1. Geographical centre of 3 continents (Asia, Europe and Africa.
 2. All the year the sun shines.
 3. A suitable distance from the equator, so the difference between the day and night is most reasonable.
 4. Most fertile area of the world, especially Jerusalem.
 5. Centre of 5 great civilisations of mankind; Romans, Greeks, Egyptians, Iranians and Indians.

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- Due to these 5 reasons and also the sun shining throughout the whole day and year, it was very easy to understand and apply the prayer/fasting times for young and old, healthy and sick, rich and poor, men or women; everybody can easily understand and apply these times. That's why the movement of sun on the horizon was decided for prayer and fasting time.



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- Because during their 800 years of rule, they were not successful to conquer England, France, Germany, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland and Russia.
- They were lazy and careless due to their limited concept of Islamic Fiqh which was only limited to Arab habitat.

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- Because they considered that those areas are not fit for normal and neutral Arab habitat lifestyle. So they travelled from Makah to Dakar (6025 km) but they could not travel from Spain to England (500 M) because of the unsuitable conditions.

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- Due to the traditional and limited concept of Islamic Fiqh, the average duration of fasting in higher/lower latitudes areas of the globe is 22 hours and so is not providing sufficient time for sleeping so that the following day people can perform their duties with fasting all the day. This is contradiction to the basic spirit of the Holy Quran and Islamic wisdom.

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- However, Allah Ta'ala is saying "Allah does not burden soul more than its capacity"
- The solution is Universal interpretation of Islamic Fiqh, which is proposing the fasting time being equal to the fasting time of Makah on that particular day.
- This is according to the spirit of Quran and Sunnah and according to Maqasid-e-Fiqh and Maqasid-e-Shari'at.



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- Aqaaaid (tawheed, Risalat, Day of judgement, Books, Angels and all relevant points informed by the Prophet (pbuh)) were same from day one to the day of judgement for all mankind, all nations all over the world despite higher/lower latitude areas.



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- Due to the Quran, the ways of worship and details of Fiqh of previous Islamic nations i.e. Jews or Christians had their own different ways and rituals, and many times they were amended gradually to accommodate the current circumstances, weather and habitat by Allah (swt) as given in the Quran.
- 2:128, 7:157, 2:200, 5:48
- So the Muslims living in higher/lower latitude areas can change times of prayers and fasting according to their facilities and habitat.

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- Prayer/fasting times were related to sunrise and sunset due to the optimum geographical position of middle east in those times (refer to slide 12).
- Due to the global computerised revolution in all seven continents, 9 – 5 regime time is compulsory in all countries. All professions are bound disciplinary with this time schedule so it is most suitable and reasonable that prayer/fasting time should be compatible with 9 – 5 regime time to facilitate 100% population of the globe.

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Is traditional Implementation of Islamic Fiqh limited to Arab Habit correct?

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Yes

- In all those areas which compatible with Arab habitat and surrounding areas which are on the suitable and reasonable distance from the equator that is 1-2 hr difference between day and night.
- Traditional Islamic Fiqh must be implemented in those areas with all necessary detail.

No

- In all those areas which are distant from the equator that is higher/lower latitude (48° parallel) traditional Fiqh is not applicable, however there will be a universal interpretation of Fiqh which is applied compatible to the 9 – 5 regime timing (refer to slide 26).

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Thankyou For Listening!

Any Questions?